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## SHE MARRIED A VANDERBILT BUT UNDER A FALSE NAME TO KEEP

IT FROM CAPT. JACOB.

The Rich Old Captain Found it Out, and Under a Threat of Disinheritance the Son Abandoned his Wife—Judge Barrett Com-pels him to Share his Income with Her. Judge Barrett handed down a decision

yesterday in the sult of Vanderbilt against Vanderbilt, in which the defendant is the son of Capt. Jacob Vanderbilt, brother of the Comnodore. His wife, Mary, sued him for a senaration for abandonment and non-support, and her motion for alimony was submitted on affi-dayit last month. Judge Barrett awards the wife \$100 a month and \$500 counsel fees.

In the complant the defendant stated that ber parents are in humble circumstances, residing in central New York State. She first made the acquaintance of her husband. Jacob H. Vanderbilt, while she was visiting in this sity, and he afterward visited her at her home. Finally he proposed marriage and was accepted. Some months before the union took lace, however, he told her that his first wife was dead and that he was the father of two small ehildren, who were living with their grandfather on Staten Island. He also said that his father was a mil-lionaire and a brother of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt. He said that he got \$2,000 a year under the provisions of the will of the late William H. Vanderbilt, and that his father allowed him \$1,200 a year. He also said that he owned considerable personal property of various kinds. His father, he said, had been very angry at his first marriage because his ent was not asked and because of the poverty of the bride, and if he should hear of this nd marriage he would probably never forgive him. In consideration of these facts he suggested that they be married under an assumed name; and, in order to make the deception complete, he would be compelled to visit his father on Staten Island and spend part of his time there.

Mrs. Vanderbilt says she consented to all this, and they were married under an assumed name in this city in the spring of 1886, and at once went to housekeeping in a furnished flat in Twenty-second street, where they lived until October, and then rented a little house in Harlem. There they resided until April, 1887. All this while the husband was in the habit of spending a part of each week with his father

Their next venture was the renting of a furnished cottage near Long Branch, which they occupied from the spring of 1887 until the of June. He gave her a number of household articles as well as valuable table silver. His first long absence occurred in the early part of June last, when she did not see him for a week. On June 20, when he returned. he was a changed man, and was barsh and unkind to her. He said that his father had heard all and was very angry, and had demanded

all and was very angry, and had demanded that a separation take place at once. If they did not separate he threatened to disown his son and his children, and to turn him out of doors.

Her husband said there was nothing left for him to do but to obey. She thought they could live very nicely on his assured income and take care of the children as well, but he said that such a thing was impossible, as he could not bear the suggestion of poverty. He wanted to go home immediately. He went away, and the pext time she saw him he said his allowance had been cut off.

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The paintiff also says that on June 25 there was a meeting between her husband, Augustus C. Brown, Capt. Vanderbilt said that if there was a separation he would give her an allowance of \$1,000 new of the large of the largest crowd being present Sunday, which is held annually at Schuetzen Park, will not be held there this year on account of the Sunday Closing law. Over 20,600 megode attend this festival every day for a week, the largest crowd being present Sunday, when it sometimes numbers 40,000. Manager from her husband, although she had not enough money to pay expenses. She went to see her husband, although she had not enough money to pay expenses. She went to do, and she was compelled to sell her jeweiry to pay the bill. She also avers that he took away the silverware and other goods he had given her. Her husband next took her, early in July, to a boarding house on Flith avenue, and the day after sent her the following telegram:

Have been to New Jersey and packed trunks and the day after sent her the following telegram:

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A few days later all the furniture was taken out of the Long Branch cottage and removed to Capt, Vanderbilt's residence on Staten Island.

From June 20 until the suit was begun in July, 1887, the only money she received was 12. Since about Aug. 20 she has been in receipt of the High License bill he has received only fourteen prisoners at the peritentiary. For the same time last year he got forty-three prisoners. He says the reason of the big removed to the closing of saloo

From June 20 until the suit was begun In July, 1887, the only money she received was \$12. Since about Aug. 20 she has been in receipt of \$60 a month, procured through the efforts of her counsel. In October of the same year, her husband procured accommodations for her at Mrs. Kline's boarding house. 20 East Forty-seventh street. Shortly afterward she received the following letter from him:

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Clove Hill, Oct. 17, 1887.

My Dear Wife: I am very sorry that you take the name of Vanderbilt where you are, for it is not your name and you know it. It may be according to law, but that is not everything. If you continue to live under that name, I will be a beggar almost, and will have to support my children and myself, and my home where I was born and brought up will pass into other hands, and will be mine no more.

I will send you what I said I would send you if I can lend it to your name at any place you mame, but won't

send it to your name at any place you name, but won't send it to Mrs. Vanderblit, for there is no such person and you know that, too.

Now, dear child, for heaven's sake, think, and if you have any of the old love left you will do it for the sake of your husband.

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Mr. Sackett. counsel for the plaintiff. in his affidavit, says that he had an interview with Mr. Brown, counsel for the Vanderbilts, and was informed that the Captain would give his son's wife \$50 a month if she would promise to make no other claims upon him as his wife, give up the name of Vanderbilt, and return to her old home. If she would consent a check for the first month would be given her. The offer was declined.

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In his affidavit Jacob H. Vanderbilt relates the circumstances attending their marriage, which are practically the same as represented by his wife. He also states that he is mable to obtain employment, and that he is not fitted for a business life, and concludes by saying that his wife "entered upon the marriage with her eyes open as to what would happen in the event of his father's discovery of it."

Mr. Vanderbilt's affidavit also states that he has paid his wife \$50 a month since last July. He denies having taken any of his wife's property. His income was taken up, he says, in paying his debts. He had always lived with his father.

his father.

He had several times endeavored to obtain employment. In December, 1879, he received the following letter from the late W. H. Vanderbilt:

I have for some time past endeavored to find a posi-tion suitable for you in or out of our service, but failing. I have adopted this method jeheck enclosedj of showing my appreciation of kindly feeling.

W. H. Vandersill.

He had only \$20 in each and \$800 in debts at the time of making the affidavit. The silverware in the Long Branch cottage belonged to his father. He said his wife was very plainly brought up, and was a saleswoman in a small country town, and \$60 a month was more than

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The motion was submitted to Judge Barrett upon the papers without argument. In his decision the Judge says:

"The conduct of the defendant has been most unworthy. Independent of the course which he says his father compelled him to adopt, his treatment of the plaintiff has been unnecessarily unfeeling. If his father compelled him to desert his wife, and he was willing to submit to that kind of dictation for worldly reasons, he should at least have softened the blow by kindness and consideration. Instead of sympathy, she seems to have received nothing but heartlessness and coldness. An allowance of \$100 a month is exceedingly mederate, and must be awarded, with leave to move for its increase upon any change in the defendant's circumstances, and a counsel lee of \$500 must also be awarded.

Kearney Tries to Prove His Own Alibl. FREEHOLD, May 17.-In the Kearney murder case today the prisoner took the stand and calmly and without apparent nervousness, told a story of his move-ments to prove an alibi and to fix the atrocious crime on

Dr. D. M. Forman said he thought Margaret Purcell had died from Bright's disease, and not from the injuries received. This closed the defence, and Assistant Prosecutor Swarts ammed up for the State. The case will be given to the jury to morrow. A prompt cenviction is anticipated.

Will Resign Bather than Sign a License. GLOUCESTER, May 17 .- Mayor Robinson have

## CONGRESS OF PRESETTERIANS. Contenulal Meeting of the General Assembly in Philadelphia,

PHILADELPHIA, May 17 .- The centennial meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly. the supreme ecclesiastical court of the Presby-terian Church in the United States, began in Horticultural Hall, in this city, this morning. There are over 500 delegates or commissioners in attendance, representing every State and Territory in the Union. Many of the most distinguished clergymen of the Presbyterian denomination in America are present. Gov. Beaver and ex-Supreme Justice Strong are among the notable lay delegates.

By 10 A. M the great hall was crowded with the attending commissioners, who soon after formed in procession by State delegations, and marched in double file to the venerable First Presbyterian Church, the oldest of the denomin ation in the city. A dense crowd of people

Presbyterian Church, the oldest of the denomination in the city. A dense crowd of people surrounded the ancient structure. As many of these as could gain admittance quickly crowded the building to its utmost capacity, while hundreds were turned away. After devotional services came the opening address of the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Smith, who gave an exhaustive sketch of the rise and growth of the Presbyterian Church.

The first business session of the assembly was called to order at 38 P. M. in Horitcultural Hall. The big building was crowded with commissioners and spectators, and an unusual amount of interest was manifested in the opening proceedings. The retiring Moderator, the Rev. Dr. J. T. Smith, called the body to order, and after the list of commissioners had been read he called for nominations for Moderator.

Dr. Howard Crosby of New York nominated the Rev. Charles L. Thompson of Kansas City. United States Senator McMillan of Minnesota urgod the election of the Rev. Rebert Christy, D. D., of St. Paul, who was afterward, however, permitted to withdraw his name. The first applause came when the Rev. John R. Paxton, D. D., of New York presented the name of Dr. James McCosh, the venerable ex-President of Princeton College. The Moderator strove vainly to repress the outbursts of stamming and hand clapping that the mention of Dr. McCosh's name evoked. The Rev. Joseph F. Tuttle. President of Wabash College, was placed in nomination by the Rev. Dr. William H. James of Cincinnati, and the Rev. Dr. J. M. Worrall, D. D., proposed the name of the Rev. James I. Brownson, D. D. The greatest animation prevailed during the balloting, and when the result was announced—246 for Dr. Thompson, 141 for Dr. McCosh, 43 for Dr. Brownson, and 25 for Dr. Tuttle—a motion to make Dr. Thompson's election unanimous passed without dissent. The latter was escorted to the chair and made a brief speech of thanks. The assembly adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

### HIGH LICENSE AS IT WORKS.

Lots of Worry for Salson Keepers, but no

More Sunday " Brunks" to Lock Up. The Hoboken Liquor Dealers' Association held a stormy meeting yesterday afternoon and evening. After nearly six hours a committee was appointed to arrange for the purchase of a saloon in Weehawken when the license expires in June. A new license will be procured, the law will be violated in every way possible, and the case will be made a test. An assessment will be levied on the dealers to pay the cost of the case. Another committee was appointed to wait on the county association and try to get back the \$1,300 that the Hoboken association paid to it when it join sd. If the whole amount cannot be obtained the committee will try to get enough of it to pur-

duction is the closing of salcons on Sun-day. Before they were closed Monday's van would bring iffteen or twenty prisoners, all drunks, to the Hill. Since the salcons were closed only two prisoners have been received Monday.

# SENT UP FOR RECKLESS DRIVING.

It Happened to be a Policeman that Spratt

Francis Spratt, driver of an express wagon, was convicted in the General Sessions yesterday of assault in the third degree. He ran over Policeman Devett of the Oak street police, on Park row, a fortnight ago. Spratt's wagon ran into a street car, and Devett, who was in citizen's clothes, caught hold of the horse and threw him back on his haunches. He demanded Spratt's name and the name and address of his employer, but Spratt from his seat lashed Devett with his whip, and then whipped his

Gildersieeve said in sentencing Suratt:

The offense of which you have been convicted is a very very serious one. This reckless driving in the streets of New York must be stopped. You drivers of wagons and trucks think that you wan the streets We have yeu here now convicted of assault. Some day we will have some of you here indicted for manisaughter, and possibly for mursler. The citizens of this city have rights which must be respected by truck and wagon drivers. I find I am getting old and I can't get across the streets out of the way of your warons as easily as I used to. You claim that you did not intend to injure the compainant. When we get the right man it will be a severe matter for him. An example will be made of him which I believe will have a wholesome effect. You are sentenced to three months in the pententiary.

John Murphy of 231 West Sixty-fourth street, who knocked John Walsh down with the pole of his truck in Eleventh avenue on Wednesday afternoon and broke his collar bone, was held at Harlem Court yesterday for examination. Patrick Boyce, who drove furiously down Third avenue, Harlem, and was arrested and clubbed, was fined \$10.

A Grave Robber Sentenced to Prison. CLEVELAND, Ohlo, May 17 .- The famous Attica grave robbery case came up in Tiffin towhose possession the trunk containing the body of the beautiful Della Brown, his fermer tenced to one year in the penitentiary. Dr. Blair pleaded not guilty, and the indictment ngainst him was noiled. It is generally believed that Wilson was only the tool of others. Great indignation is expressed at the result of the proceedings. pupil, was found, pleaded guilty and was sen-

# Heavy Frost in Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH, May 17 .- Western Pennsylvania was visited by a heavy black frost last night which proved disastrous to early fruits and vegetables. Is some places ice one-eighth to a quarter of an inch thick was formed. Farmers living on the lowlands report corn, potatoes, and tomatoes frozon several inches under the ground.

They Still Think They are on Strike. GALESBURG, May 17 .- The Burlington strikers here to-day passed a resolution that they are not discharged by the action of the stockholders and that the strike continues. The vote was unanimous.

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A little Ninth ward girl, whose pet dog fell into the hands of the dog catchers, appealed to Mayor liewitt, and he paid the fine and saved the dog from a watery death. He got this letter yesterday:

Ma. Alvon liewire; I got my dog and I am very much olimied to you for being the means of settling hun. You have made me very happy, and I hope you will be happy for the remaining years of your lite.

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Pylo's Pearline, the latest thing in carp.

A COLLISION AT SEA.

MISS MASON DENIES IN GENERAL THE CHARGES AGAINST HER.

A SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL

McMaster Says He's All Right, But Mrs. McMaster Repeats Her Charg

When Miss Virginia W. Mason left ber apartments in the Berkshire flats, in 125th street, yesterday morning, to go to her work in Grammar School 35, at 60 West Thirteenth street, she was much distressed at the knowledge that the story about the accusations of immorality made against her had got into print. Some of the people in her school had copies of THE SUN there, and Miss Mason could not beln knowing it. The subject of the failure to elect Mr. Jasper to succeed himself as Superntendent of the city schools was but slightly discussed by the teachers as compared with the question raised at Wednesday's meeting of the Board of Education as to whether Miss Mason was guilty of immoral conduct with Robert W. McMaster, a Washington Market poultry dealer.

Whether the teachers and pupils in School 35 meant it or not, they made it very uncomfortable for Miss Mason, but she bore it bravely and stayed at her desk all the day. Emerson Foote, one of the trustees who is investigating the charges against her, together with Dudley G. Gautier and J. A. Hardenberg, called on her in the morning. My. Foote gave her instructions not to cease teaching just yet. Some one had hinted that pending the completion of the investigation it would be proper for Miss Mason to withdraw from the school, Mr. Foote opposed this course, and unless something prevents. Miss Mason will remain at her post.

The teacher who is brought so prominently before the public on accusations affecting her moral character shows few signs of nervousness when one leads her into conversation upon the subject. She is a person of pleasing presence and entertaining manner. Rather tall, shapely, and buxom, she is the picture of good health and of a gay disposition. Her face is full and round, and her features are so regular and her eyes so large that on the whole she may be called a little more than merely good looking. Her hair is black and crinkly. It is brushed up straight from her forehead and is shingled off behind. Her hands are plump and pretty. Her friends say that she is 29 years old, and her opponents say she is about 33; but there is a youthfulness about her which makes her seem to be not over 28. Altogether she is an interesting young teacher

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Altogsther she is an interesting young teacher just now.

After she had got through with her school work and the covert glances of her associates and the children yesterday afternoon, she hurried away. Her brother, who lives out West and who was telegraphed to come to town, arrived in the city, and they had a long consultation. Miss Mason was at home last sevening. To a caller, who wanted to know if she wanted to make any statement for publication, she talked in a general way for half an hour. Her apartment is one of a number of small flars, and is well furnished. A crayon picture of Mr. McMaster, on whose account she is in trouble, hangs in her parlor, and Miss Mason sat beneath it last evening as she talked. Sho said she was sorry the matter had become public, but declared her willingness to wait for the investigation to be closed.

It will exonerate me, she exclaimed, and I hope that the result will be accepted and become as widely known as is the accusation. I do not want to go into details, because the trustees who were first inquiring into this affair have advised me to be silent. Besides I do not want my name to be published too frequently, for my family issake if for nothing clee. It is a large and an honorable family. Yes, I am connected with the Mason of Mason and Sildeli fame. He was my father's first cousin. A brother of my father was a Supreme Court wask me questions now. I have nothing to say."

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"Well, have you seen Mr. McMaster last evening." Miss Dodge has talked with me about the matter, and knows all. She has been very friendly a me. I that not seen in the Alexandria flat house at 901 Sixth avenue. She is a slight woman, and her friends way she has been reduced from 145 to 110 pounds in the last three weeks from worrying over her trouble. She is not in robust health.

"I adhere to all the statements in my affidation, a given as 148 Amity street, lirooklyn, but he doesn't now, and never did, live there. I don't know that he is acquainted with anybody there, fle has some private reason for having kept his residence secret. I don't know what it is."

"There was a statement made at the meeting of the Commissioners that you contemplated seeking a divorce. Is that true?

"I don't believe in divorces," answered Mrs. McMaster in a sad voice. "I don't think they are right."

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"Is it true, Mrs. McMaster, that Miss Mason is an old friend of your family, or that Mr. McMaster is an old friend of the Mason family?"

No: that statement is false. I knew her some ten years ago. Once in a while she came here, but when I lound out her character I refused to have snything more to do with her.

Mr. McMaster wasn't home. Mrs. McMaster didn't know when he would be home. She seemed to think that he was at Miss Mason's house, and suggested that would be the best place to find him. Mr. McMaster knew about the publication in The Sun yesterday before he got down to business. He is a stout man with a thin head of hair, a full face, and a moustache. He refused yesterday to say anything in detail about his reintions with Miss Mason, but he spreal assurances broadcast that he was all right and so was Miss Mason, and that it would come out all right. Trustee Foots, who has espoused Miss Mason, and that it would come out all right. Trustee Foots, who has espoused Miss Mason and the McMasters know, and that Mrs. McMasters is jealous of Miss Mason on that account. This phase of the scandal is beginning to puzzle the School Commissioners, and they think that it is remarkable that Mrs. McMasters is jealous of Miss Mason on that account. This phase of the scandal is beginning to puzzle the School Commissioners, and they think that it is remarkable that Mrs. McMasters should have se long submitted to the treatment which she alleges she has received from her husband.

Saperintendent Jusper hasn't anything to zid to what The Sun printed yesterday. He relievates that he is ready for the investigation and declares that he did all that could be done to clear up the Mason-McMaster scandal. Commissioner Dodge says that her position is a delicate one, and she would much prefer that the necessity had never arisen of acting in such a manner. She did not enter upon the case upon her own

ALBANY, May 17.-The Governor has signed he following bills: Amending the act providing for the registration of

persons who die without a physician in attendance when the facts do not justify such an inquest. Giving the size Bearn of Health power to stop the Mount verson sewarzes discharge into East Chester Creak in case anch discharge shall constitute a public nuisance.

Providing for the construction of a system of sewerage in New Rochelle, Westchester county.

Amending the sex authorizing the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical, chemical, and agricultural purposes.

Amending the act relative to the construction and extension of sewers in the village of White Plains.

The Commissioners of Accounts yesterday otified Maurice B. Fiynn to appear before them to notined Maurice B. Flynn to appear before them in their office at i o'clock this aftermoun. They prepose to question him in reference to the investigation that they have un hand of the affairs of Chambertain Ivine's office. Mr. Flynn's talk at the time he was a witness before the Senate investigating committee indicated his belief that the could be of come assistance in the work of the Commissioners. Yesterday afternoon the Commis-movers looked into Mr. Ivine's private account. This marriage day will standing the accounts of Wa. I

scene of Excitement on Board the Gate City After Being Struck by a Bark in a Fog.

Boston, May 17 .- The meagre accounts of he recent collision between the Boston steamer Gate City and an unknown bark gave no idea of the excitement that prevailed for a few minutes. Mr. G. E. S. Kinney, a Boston gentleman who was on board, gives the following graphic

story of the accident:
"We had all retired for the night after dinner on Friday, and it is presumed that all were sleeping soundly, I know that I was, when suddenly I was awakened by a shock, such as I have often heard described, but never before experienced.

by a shock, such as I have often heard described, but never before experienced. There was first a heavy thump, and then such a terrific crashing and tumbling and splintering as I never heard before and never want to hear again. Above it all was heard the Captain's voice shouting' All hands on deck. 'Man those lifeboots!' Put on your life preservers.' I realized the situation at once, and lost no time in tumbling out of my berth. The vessel was rolling and pitching terribly. It seems as if every time that she rose she went down desper and deeper afterward.

"Despite this commotion I lost no time in getting into my clothes, and was soon in the upper saloon with the other passengers. There were signs of a penic. Men were shouting and screaming. The darkness was like ink. Everybody was encased in a life preserver, and one man rushed to the ship's side to jump overboard in his frenzy, but was held back by his companions. Meanwhile the ship was tossing more heavily than before, and at every lurch the passengers were hurled from one side of the vessel to the other. Capt. Taylor was everywhere present, and was as cool as a cucumber. He had his officers and men under perfect centrol, and in the incredible short time of eight minutes from the sounding of the alarm every life! out was manned and ready to be lowered over the side. One was successfully launched, but by this time it was deemed prudent to stick by the ship."

From the Captain himself, who was in the pilot house at the time, it was learned that at about 2 o'clock on Saturday morning, while the Gate City's foremast with terrille force, and broke away the rail and much of the rigging and works forward. Inside of two minutes the bark had disappeared from view, and has not break sway the rail and much of the rigging and works forward. Inside of two minutes the bark had disappeared from view, and has not break sway the rail and much of the rigging and works forward. Inside of two minutes the bark had disappeared from view, and has not break sway the rail and much o

nothing more was seen or heard of her.

### A BILLIARD WALKING MATCH.

Dr. Jennings Covers 800 Laps in \$ 1.2 Hours at the Rucquet Club,

The game that Alexander Morten and Dr. Jennings played last night in the amateur championship tournament at the Racquet Court Club house was such a long-drawn-out agony of fruitless knocking about of the billlard balls that many of the critical spectators facetiously called the struggle a walking match. and Expert Schanz began to figure out sportively how many miles the winner would travel before he reached the finish.

At 10:15 the marker woke up the slumbering referee, Mr. E. M. Jewett, and surprised him with the announcement that Mr. Merten had turned the first string in the twenty-eighth inning with 105 buttons to Dr. Jennings's 55. Another hour passed, and Wright Sandford went out to get some strong coffee to keep him awake. The players took in the humor of the situation, and wondered how they managed to escape falling asleep themselves over the lan-

escape falling asleep themselves over the languid progress of events.

At 11:15 Mr. Morten got around his second string with 202 buttons to Dr. Jennings's 173. Walter Stanton of the committee woke up with a start, and refreshed by his nap took a renewed grip on the spectacle. The good nature of the contestants received a new impetus when President Isaac Townsend cume in and genially inquired how they were getting on. He was pleasantly surprised when informed that "they were nearing Rowell's record for twenty-four hours."

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An instant later Dr. Jennings sauntered leisurely around his second string with a score of 207 to Morten's 212. He passed Morten directly afterward with a run of 9, and an element of life was added unexpectedly to the placid inactivity of the engagement. Dr. Jennings got there at last in the eighty-fourth inning with a run of 43. The score is one of the curiosities of the tournament;

To-night Mr. Morten will meet Mr. Clement Bainbridge, who is considered likely to secure

second place in the tournament.

NEW HAVEN, May 17 .- The corporation of Yale University to-day voted unanimously to locate the new Recitation Hall on the corner of

College and Chapel streets. This will do away with sitting on the fence. Work on the new building will be begun as soon after commencement exercises are over as possible. A petition signed by over 1,000 of the alimni and undergraduates, asking that the corporation reconsider their former action, was read and tabled. The unknown donor or the building chose the site, and to secure the money to build the hall the corporation had to concur with his cendition that the building occupy the "most conspicuous site" on the camines.

campus.
Resignations were handed in and accepted as follows: Dr. Leonard J. Santord, Professor of Anatomy: F. B. Dexter, Larned Professor of American History: A. L. Ripley, Professor of German, and George Hendalauri, Professor of

German, and George Hendalauri, Professor of Modern Languages.

Upon the withdrawal of two other nominees, Chauncey M. Denew, '52, stands as the sole nominee for a place on the corporation made vacant by the death of Chief Justice Waite, Prof. R. F. Harper will go to Babylon as a delegate from Yale to search for inscriptions. The expedition is made under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania.

# Both Sides Want Nana Hodges,

JEFFEBSONVILLE, Ind., May 17 .- Six-yearold Nona Hodges was in custody of Mrs. M. A. Work until December, when her father took her to his sister, Mrs. Goodwin, at Henderson, Ky. On Tuesday the latter reselved a despatch that Hodges was dying, and came with the that Hodges was dyler, and came with the child to this city. Meanwhite Richard Work took out letters of guardianship in Louisville and claimed possession of the child, although he was no relation. Mrs. Goodwin, with the child, escaped to Henderson. Work will prosecute her for kidnapping. The despatch was spurious, and Joseph Hodges is in no danger of death. Strangely enough. Work has a letter from Hodges granting him nossession of the child, but Hodges desies knowing anything about it.

# Sale of the Famons Orange County Stock Farm.

MIDDLETOWN. May 17,- This famous farm which comprises \$50 acres of the fluest land in Orange county, on which more than \$100.000 have been spent, county, on which more than \$100.00 have been spent, has just been sold under foreclosure of mortgage held by the original sweer. Collie P. Huntington, for \$27,070. The farm has been thereby for a training and breading the same has been the sent to be supported by the context of the context

# Judge Lawrence has granted Fanny A. Banks an absolute divorce from her hosband, Charles W Banks to whom she was married in 1808 in Albany. He was in the employ of Wels. Forgo 4 Co. in San Fran-cisco until 1880, when be became involved in financial difficulties. Ther he was charact with being a defaulter, and left that city for the Sandwick blands. He wrote to her saying that she would never see him again.

The Mayor Bound to Blue and Gold. The Mayor's office in the City Hall is rapidly The hisport office in the city hast is rapidly being made ready for his return to it. From a dingr, dismal room, it has been transformed into brightness and beauty. The wall deceration is soroll and lead work in solid relief on a wild greated. The estimatis bull and brown on bullsh buly. The dade is dark brown, and the frieze is the blue of the ceiling.

No person would insume too magnitude of the trade done by the Micht Parlors at 1 and 3 Prince at, near Bowery, but when you see them estimate done custom made suits from 54 hought from the best tailors and trouvers from 51 un it is no surprise that they are deing such an immanue business, and have compelled the ready-made clothing houses to enlarge their advertisements. Such an outerprising house deserves being patrenties. They are created the superprising house deserves being patrenties.

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HOUSES FLOATING DOWN STREAM AND RAILROADS UNDER WATER. A Torrent Twenty Feet Deep Sweeps Over

Towns Suddenly Surrounded by Lakes.

QUINCY, May 16 .- The Mississippi River has risen nine inches to-day, and is now higher than ever before known, excepting during the great flood of 1851. Rail communication with the West is entirely cut off to-night, the tracks of all roads on the Missouri side of the river being flooded. Bridges and tracks are held down by trains of flat cars londed with railroad fron. Nearly every levee in this section is now broken, and the loss to farming interests will be enormous. Thus far no loss of life has been reported, but narrow escapes are recorded.

All mills and factories along the river front in this city ure now under water and shut down. Many fishermen's houses and other small buildings are floating down the river, and men are out with boats towing them ashore.

Two more breaks occurred in the Sny levea this morning, twenty miles below this city, and the entire Sny levee district is under water and ruined. Hundreds of families are homeless and are enmyed on the high lands with nothing to shelter them from the rain except rudely improvised tents made of quilts and sheets. The Mayor has called a meeting of citizens for the relief of the sufferers.

There are now five bad breaks in Sny levee, and the whole of the Sny bottoms reaching from opposite Louisiana, Mo., to Hannibal, Mo., is inundated. The fleed covers an area forty miles long and five miles wide. Every effort has been put forth to protect the property, but without avail, and over one hundred thousand acres of crops will be injured or destroyed. It has been seven years since floods have swept over this fertile region.

Sr. Louis, May, 17.—A14:15 o'clock this morning a break occurred in the Sny levee about two miles below the Hannibal bridge, and this was followed at 6:45 o'clock by a larger and more serious one above the bridge a short distance. The wildest excitement prevailed in Hannibal as well as among the few farmors who had stubbornly remained in the bottoms. The 200 men who had been engaged all night in the work of stopping leaks and placing bags of sand on top of the levee to keep the river back attempted to close the breaks, but without success. The more sensible farmers had removed all their live stock to the biffs, six miles distant, but not a few remained until the more and the surface of the bottom are wreaked. As yet no loss of them of the water is rep down by trains of flat ears loaded with railroad fron. Nearly every lovee in this section is now broken, and the loss to farming interests will

## LEAKING CROP NEWS.

Is Somebody Giving Government Crop Re-

ports to Speculators? CINCINNATTI, May 17.-Mr. Charles B. Murray, editor of the Cincinnati Price Current heads an article on the wheat prospect to-day

with this paragraph: "In the Issue of the Price Current a week ago it was reported that we had information that persons in the grain trade claimed to have knowledge that the Government report would knowledge that the Government report would show 73 as the general average condition of the winter wheat crop, and this proved to be the percentage reported at noon on the 19th. There is little or no ground for doubt that this information was obtained by persons interested at east one day in advance of the public announcement of the official figures. Such leakage should not be rossible. We are justified in saying that a higher official than the Statistician of the bepartment of Agriculture has responsibility in this particular instance of leakage or advance information."

Boston, May 17 .- Gen. Paine could not resist the temptation to have just one more sea son's enjoyment out of his trim sloop Volunteer. He had made up his mind not to put the boat in commission this year, but he was obliged to surrender, and unless a purchaser is found Gen, Paine and Capt, Haff will be seen at the wheel of the famous racer as she leads other yachts over the courses. The Volunteer will be put in commission at once. Speaking of his decision to sail the Volunteer, Gen. Paine

"I thought at first that I would not fit out the Volunteer, and thought something of buy-ing a smaller boat for cruising about. But as I have not sold the Volunteer, and the railroads are raying smaller dividends, &c., I have de-cided that it will be cheaper to run the boat with a small cruising crew than to have two ynehts."

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"I hardly see enough incentive to pay me for the hard work of racing. At any rate I shall not enter into the early races, Mrs. Paine starts for Europe on June 23 and I shall not do any yachting before that, as I never go yachting until we come in from the country. The Atlanta, New York, and Scawanhaka races come before that time, so I certainly shall not go into any race before the Eastern Yacht Club race of June 28."
"Is the Volunteer still for sale?"
"Yes: fitting her out would not interfere with my selling her if I should get a suitable offer."

Paid the Check Ten Times Over. STILLWATER, Mich., May 17 .- One month ago O. J. Nelson presented a check for \$300 at the Lumberman's National Bank of this city. drawn on the First National Bank of St. Paul by P. E. Dickerman of that city. The clerk in by P. E. Dickerman of that city. The clerk in the bank here thought the check was for \$3,000, and sent it to the First National at St. Paul. The cashter there also thought it was for \$3,000, and advised the bank here of the receipt of a \$3,000 check where non the Lamberman's Bank paid Nelson \$3,000. Recently, in checking up with the First National, this discrepancy was found. Nelson was arrested for grand larceny, and this morning waived examination and was released on \$1,000 bail. Nelson claimed be did not look at the money, but immediately enclosed it in an envelope and sent it to a friend in Seattle. Nelson is the proprietor of the St. Paul House in this city.

The works of L. Richardson manufacturer of interior decorations at view and, were burned jesterday. Loss 500 (0).

W. He Tallmadge of Stamford Conn. has been ap-ointed a special Indian agent, vice William Parsana estruct. resigned.

The Bonapartist group in the Chamber of Deputies have resolved to combine with the Eight in an effort to bring about a dissolution of Pariament.

Perceptory orders have been issued for the sale of the unfinished ship New York at the Brooklyn Newy Yard en the Blat unel, to the highest bidder. The safe in Hall & Hornbeck's store, in Falls Village, Conn. was blown open on Wednerday night and several hundred dobars taken. There is no clue to the burgtars hundred doltars laken. There is no clue to the burgiars. Dr. James Orr. a Pittsburgh dentist, continited suicide gesterday by inhaling as through a tible. Frink and domestic fronties prompted the decid. The deceased was by years old.

A deposition from the Homerable Artiflery Company of London have started for Boston, where they will take part in the Eddich anniversary of the Ancient and Honorable Artiflery Company of Beston.

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Claims have be in filed with the State Foard of Claims by Andraw C. Mctumber of Horseheads for McSu damages, caused by the Superintendent of Pablic Works undermoting the foundation of the stantery in draining the prim of the standarded theman Cana.

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Jone McMar action in tentior or an action of the brain and chier in tentior with Mining. Is that Euros met his death from concussion of the brain and other in juries, the result of blown inflicted by John McNiff. The evidence would seem to prove that Euros was pounded to death with little or no provened to.

Owing to the axiniration of patents. Bruner & Moore Co., to West 16th at, are selling very ornamental fedding beds as the price of an archivary looking one-sells.

GONE TO LADY AGNES'S FARM.

Old Mr. Murray Pays a Parting Visit a His Young Wite's flouse. Old Mr. John Boyles Murray, who was carried off from his young wife by his elderly ister Agnes, appeared at his wife's house, 13 Washington place, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. He came in a cab attended by three men from the New York Hotel, who carried

him up the steps. He courteously asked Mrs.

Leiss, his young mother-in-law, to be allowed

to see his wife, but she said the wife was too sick to be seen. She was borne out in the statement by Dr. J. M. Embree, who appeared in the hall and said Mrs. Murray was suffering from nervous prostration, and the sheek might kill her.

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Old Mr. Murray then said that he had decided to go into the country, and would start that night for Connecticut. He left his future address, and requested that his wife follow him as soon as she was well enough.

"He was bright and well looking for him," said Mrs. Leiss.

Mrs. Murray was worse last night, Mr. Murray, accompanied by his sister Agnes and a nurse, took the Sitrain to Stratford, Conn., the first station beyond Bridgeport on the New Haven road. Lady Agnes's farm is at Greenfield Hill, close by.

Old Mr. Murray said that he was going to board with a farmer named Henjamin, near Lady Agnes's place. The trained nurse who accompanied him was a preposeesing young lady. One of the clerks at the hotel says that when Lady Agnes was getting the old gentleman ready for the start the old gentleman, left the nurse's gloved hand and asked: "Where are my gloves?"

"And don't you want your diamond pin, too?" asked the nurse.

"Ah! you're my diamond," replied the old gentleman as he ran his arm around the nurse's waist and drew her toward him.

The clerk laughed as he told the story, and remarked that he would not like to tell it to Mrs. Murray.

Lady Agnes wrote to Police Captain Brogan yesterday afternoon, asking him to lend her Sergeant Foody to see Mr. Murray safe to his house and back, but the Captain declined.

A Blacksuard Around who will Catch It Hot When the Police Get Him. Pretty Jennie Yeamans, who plays the

soubrette part in "Natural Gas" at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, entered Mr. A. C. Wheeler's office at 39 East Nineteenth street yesterday morning in uncommon haste. "Oh. Mr. Wheeler," she said, "I've received the awfuliest letters, and signed by your name, too. Of course you didn't write them, you know, but then your name is signed and you

know, but then your name is signed and you know, but then your name is signed and you ought to catch this horrible person. There they are, but don't you dare to read a line of them until after I get out of the house."

Then Miss Yeamans fled, and Mr. Wheeler opened a common yellow envelope addressed to the actress. May 15, and took out first a lot of thay scraps, which was all that was left of common note paper followed, on which was written a letter dated May 15. It was in an irregular handwriting, evidently that of a boy or an illiterate man. It was a vile letter, and will be turned over to Comstock.

The handwriting is said to correspond with that of the anonymous letters sent recently to Miss Genevieve Lytton of the Madison Square Theatre, one of which referred to alloged attentions to Miss Lytton on the part of Bob Hilliard. Hilliard also received a letter, unsigned and in the same handwriting, on the same subject. Two other actresses in the "A Possible Case" company have received letters of the same sort. Most of the letters were given by their recipients to Mr. J. M. Hill, and he has handed them to Inspector Byrnes. The envelope which contained one of the letters to Miss Yeamans was mailed in district A. Houston street, west of Brondway, is the coatre of this district.

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"I hope you haven't seen those letters. I never got anything like them before."

Celebrating the Assiversary of Norway's Freedem. The seventy-fourth anniversary of the independence of Norway was celebrated at the Hariem River Park yesterday afternoon and evening by the Norwegian Benedit Society, the Norwegian Rifle Club Norden, and the Norwegian Singing Society. The afternoon was given up to foot races and prize shooting. H. Rasmusen won the half-mile race in 3 minutes and 8 Rasmusen won the half-mile race in 3 minutes and 8 seconds. There were sixty-six contestants in the shooting match. II. Lie won the medal with a score of 38 out of a possible 28. (), Finhold, A. Grondahl, and F. Olsen followed in the order named.

In the evening the hall was brilliant with electric lights and gay with the Norwerian and American dars. After several dances, Prof. Hijamar Hjorth Borysen of Columbia vollege addressed the gathering, telling them how Norway had obtained her freedom in 1814, when the suirit of the old Vikinga reappeared and a free Government was obtained.

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Among the members and guests present in the even-ing were Nie Marvesen, O B. Lee, Lauriz Schellie, Fritz Olsen, E. Werting, L. Wold, P. Christianen, M. Eaklisen, Jehann Olsen, C. Nielsen, George Gjeromusden, K. A. Bockman, A. Gvanme, J. Pedersen, Dr. Bryson Dolavan, Myss Rosine Winsar, Miss Helma Johnson, Miss Juita Scielenatucker, Boye C. Boyesen, Max M. Normann, Jens Eckstein, William Avery, Mrs. A. Christiansen, Mrs. Ni-cellin Iversen, Mrs. Martin Nisen, Mrs. O Samuelsen, Ole Locketh, Julius Ross, Miss Ibora Dahiman, Mrs. Charles Whitney, Albert Arveschon.

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ROARING FUN IN THE HOUSE

THE TARIFF DEBATE PUNCTUATED WITH WIT AND NURSERY RHYMES.

Sunset Cax Opened the Ball, and There was a Full House and Four Galleries Filled with Speciators to Hear Him-It was the Turn of the Democrate to Laugh Until Mason of Hillnois Arone to Reply, and Then the Laugh Changed to the Other Side

WASHINGTON, May 17 .- There was a great cloud of Baptist preachers with new white hats, pretty Baptist girls from Boston with fresh spring gowns, Daptist mammas and little Baptist boys in the gallery of the House all day to-day. The crowd of visitors which had come in from abroad was reenforced a little atter 1 P. M. by a great sprinkling of Washington folks. It was the news that Sunset Cox was going to make his tariff speech that brought up the knowing ones. The Baptists are here attending a big sectarian convention, but the novelties of legislation seem to have a great abtraction for them, and to-night they went to dinner feeling glad that the convention came the same week with Mr. Cox. It has been a day of great sport in the House, and the people who did not go away while Mr. Cox was speaking saw the House discover a new funny man, the first real live funny man the Republicans have had since Horr of Michigan was retired by Tim Tarsney. Mr. Cox was in capital spirits, and the House was magnetized, expectant, appreclative. He had only to touch it with a bright saying or spicy story and it exploded in langitter like gunpowder. Mr. Cox touched it off very often. There was a great basket of flowers on his desk when he came in. These were out to one side, and a bulky pile of manuscript laid before him. It was a long speech, over two hours long, and it would fill much more than a page of THE SUN. but four great galleries full listened all through it. Mr. Cox's familiar black frock coat dangled open, and he kept his spectacles close at hand. He put them on at short intervals when he read a page or two from the big pile of foolscap paper, and he would wipe them off in a brisk way and talk offhand for five minutes. Major Ben Butterworth of Ohio sat within two seats of Mr. Cox. The two are very good friends, though they differ on the tariff. To-day Mr. Cox picked out Mr. Butterworth as one of his

principal targets as a sample protectionist, and played all sorts of pranks on him. One phrase which he took poculiar delight in iterating was the Major's "trade regulation" as an expression for the protective tariff. The House laughed every time at this, and Major Butterworth laughed, too, and the House broke out in a loud roar when Mr. Cox called the protectionists burglars. When he told a negro camp meeting story Chairman Mills, who was standing out in the area in front of the Speaker's deek, shook until his coat talls flapped in the air, and his baid spot was flushed crimson with fun and excitement. Mr. Woodburn of Nevada was another of Mr. Cox's targets. His Cobden Club speech, part of which Mr. Bryce demolished, was reviewed, and Richard Cobden and the Cobden Club men were defended. The broad burlesque of the "infant industries" by a mathematical calculation of the horse power they employed drew out shouts of laughter.

One man was very nervous the last hour of Mr. Cox's speech—a short, roly-poly, curly-haired man, with a necktic always awry and a smile like a sunflower. This was Hilly Mason of Chicago. When Ben Butterworth got Cox's time extended he began to grow melancholy. He watched the clock and could not sit still. He began wandering over to the middle alsie to see how much more there was of his speech, and asking his neighbors how much longer they supposed he would speak, until he became generally noted. He jumped for his seat the moment he heard Mr. Cox say "in conclusion" and the congrutulations of the inter were not haif over when Mason piped up, "Mr. Speaker." in a clear, loud voice. Tom Bayne of Pennsylvania and Tom Reed of Maine took Mason's speech the hardest. Tom Reed shook like a jelly elephant, and Tom Bayne lay in two clairs helplessly doubled up in a lit of laughter, Henderson of Iowa roured loudest, and the Republican side generally laughed in chorus, Mr. Mason was not exactly dignified, When C. R. Breckinridge asked him a question he put his head forward in a pert way, with his hand to his ear, crying. What are the wild waves saring?" He parceded all the nursery rhymes he he could think of, and boidly challenged earlier humorists of the House by making fun of flowers in regular prima-donna style when the debut was over, and Tom Reed shook Mason's arm way up to his shoulder. story Chairman Mills, who was standing out in the area in front of the Speaker's desk, shook

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On Saurday evening the Viennes Lody Fancer at China and Ch was as clear as a fountain in July. He received his idea, not from the pro-slavery teachings of Calhoun or the Cobden Club's teachings of England, but from a great New England teach-